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During the period from 1 January to 26 March 1955, Soviet naval vessels
were seen in the harbor of Sassnitz. The following details were obtained:

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3 submarine chasers	KRONSTADT	25 Feb-11 Mar	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	The three submarine chasers and the 3 PT boats entered Sassnitz harbor together with vessel [redacted]
3 PT boats	ELCO					
mine sweepers	T 301	25 Feb-11 Mar	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	-
mine sweepers submarine chaser	T 301(?) KRONSTADT	25 Feb-11 Mar	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	Left and entered harbor daily
mine sweepers	T 301	14-26 Mar	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	Left and entered harbor daily. The vessels had small buoys on the quarterdeck.
surveying vessel	M 40	24-26 Mar	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	No armament.
2 PT boats	?	26 Mar	?	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	Put to sea again after a short time. The PT boats were armed with 1 twin-barreled gun forward and aft.
mine sweepers	T 301	4 Jan	0800-1400	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	-
mine sweeper	T 301	4 Jan	0800-1400	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house	-

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Harbor</u>	<u>Berth</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
tug	?	11-30 Jan 31 Jan - 20 Feb	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the Soviet boat house	Length approx 25 meters; 2 masts, wooden tug, no armament. The crew consisted of about 12 men who were fed by the Soviet naval komendatura which was quartered in the former signal station of the German Navy.
submarine chasers	KRONSTADT	4-12 Feb	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the Soviet boat house	1 -
PT boats	ELCO (?)	4-20 Feb	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the Soviet boat house	-
auxiliary ship	?	14-20 Feb	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the Soviet boat house	-
tug	?	14-20 Feb	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the Soviet boat house	-
destroyer	?	22, 23 and 24 Feb	daily	Sassnitz Road	at anchor	-
submarine	?	25 Feb - 11 Mar	daily	Sassnitz	jetty at the Soviet boat house	The sub-marine repeatedly left the harbor but was always seen returning to Sassnitz. It was approximately 30 meters long and, at entering port had forward and aft 40 mm gun each. The guns were no longer seen some time later. The turret was approximately 1.5 meters high; a barrel of approximately 1.5 meters projected from it. The vessel appeared to be a former German submarine. 2

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mine sweepers	T 301	21 Feb	1200-1500	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house
mine sweeper	T 301 (?)	21 Feb	1200-1500	Sassnitz	jetty at the boat house

1. Comment. Vessels [] were reported to belong to the KRONSTADT Class; however, they could have also been of the T 301 Class.
2. Comment. The destroyer may be identical with the [] of the KOLA Class. This vessel was sighted in Swinemunde with submarine [] on 22 and 23 February 1955. []

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